



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**John Hoeven**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**PREPAREDNESS MONTH**  
SEPTEMBER 2009

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, along with other federal, state, local, private and volunteer agencies, is working to deter, prevent, and respond to all types of natural and technological emergencies; and

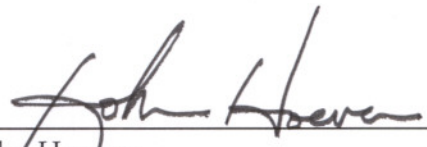
**WHEREAS**, North Dakota's susceptibility to severe summer and winter weather, wild fires, and flooding, compounded with the continued risk of potential terrorist attacks, demonstrates a broad-based need for North Dakotans to have a plan for response and recovery in the event of an emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, "Preparedness Month" creates an important opportunity for North Dakotans to learn more about preparing for all types of emergencies, from potential terrorist attacks to natural disasters; and


**WHEREAS**, citizens are encouraged to make preparedness a priority in their schools, businesses, communities and homes by following four simple steps: get a kit, make a plan, be informed and get involved; and

**WHEREAS**, all North Dakotans are encouraged to participate in citizen preparedness activities and to review the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services web site at [www.nd.gov/des/info/](http://www.nd.gov/des/info/) for preparedness information.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, in support of National Preparedness Month, I do hereby proclaim September 2009, **PREPAREDNESS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

  
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John Hoeven  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State